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THE RELEASE OF SEX OFFENDERS INTO OUR COMMUNITIES - INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND RELATED ISSUES

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Child Molesters

Child Sexual Abuse - Prevention

Community-Based Corrections

Deinstitutionalization

Group Homes
Halfway Houses
Home Detention
Mental Health Laws
Mental Health Policy
Preventive Detention
Public Policy - United States
Recidivists - Government Policy
Sex Crimes - Law and Legislation
Sex Crimes - Prevention - Law and Legislation
Sex Crimes - Washington (State) - Prevention
Sex Offences - Prevention & Control
Sex Offenders
Sex Offenders - Legal Status, Laws, etc.
Sex Offenders - Rehabilitation
Sex Offenders - Services for
Social Integration
Violence - Washington (State) - Prevention
Violence - Prevention - Law and Legislation

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